

face-to-face *adv* or *adj* (14c) 1: within each other's sight or presence (met and talked ~) (a ~ consultation) 2: in or into direct contact or confrontation (came ~ with the problem)

face-up \fa-'səp/ *adv* (1920): with the face up

face up *vi* (1920): to meet something or someone without shrinking — usu. used with *to* (faced up to the situation)

face value *n* (1876) 1: the value indicated on the face (as of a postage stamp or a stock certificate) 2: the apparent value or significance (if their results may be taken at face value)

facia *var* of **FASCIA**

facial \fa-'shal/ *adj* (1818) 1: of or relating to the face 2: concerned with or used in improving the appearance of the face — **facially** \-shə-'lē/ *adv*

facial *n* (1914): a facial treatment

facial index *n* (ca. 1889): the ratio of the breadth of the face to its length multiplied by 100

facial nerve *n* (ca. 1818): either of the 7th pair of cranial nerves that supply motor fibers esp. to the muscles of the face and jaw and send a separate mixed branch to the tongue

facient \fa-'shənt/ *adj* *comb* form [L. *facient-*, *faciens* (as in *calefacient-*, *calefaciens* making warm, *prp.* of *calefacere* to warm): making — causing (somnifacient)]

facies \fa-'sh(ē)-'jēz/ *n*, *pl* *facies* [NL, fr. L. *facies*] (1684) 1: an appearance and expression of the face characteristic of a particular condition esp. when abnormal (adenoid ~) 2: general appearance (a plant species with a particularly distinct ~) 3: a part of a rock or group of rocks that differs from the whole formation (as in composition, age, or fossil content)

facile \fas-'əl/ *adj* [MF, fr. L. *facilis*, fr. *facere* to do — more at **DO**] (15c) 1: a (1): easily accomplished; or attained (a ~ victory) (2): SPECIOUS, SUPERFICIAL (I am not concerned ~ with offering any ~ solution for so complex a problem. — T. S. Eliot) b: used or comprehended with ease c: readily manifested and often lacking sincerity or depth (~ tears) 2: *archaic*: mild or pleasing in manner or disposition 3: a: READY, FLUENT (~ prose), b: POISED, ASSURED. *syn* see **EASY** — **facilely** \-ə('l)-lē/ *adv* — **facileness** \-əl-'nəs/ *n*

facilitate \fa-'sil-'ə-'tāt/ *vi*, *-tāt-ed*; *-tāt-ing* (1611): to make easier — **facilitative** \-tāt-'iv/ *adj* — **facilitator** \-tāt-'ər/ *n*

facilitation \fa-'sil-'ə-'tā-'shən/ *n* (1619) 1: the act of facilitating: the state of being facilitated 2: a: the lowering of the threshold for reflex conduction along a particular neural pathway esp. from repeated use of that pathway b: the increasing of the ease or intensity of a response by repeated stimulation

facilitatory \fa-'sil-'ə-'tō-'rē-/ *adj* (1944): inducing or involved in facilitation esp. of a reflex action

facility \fa-'sil-'ə-'tē-/ *n*, *pl* *-ties* (1531) 1: the quality of being easily performed 2: ease in performance 3: APTITUDE 4: readiness of compliance 4: a: something that makes an action, operation, or course of conduct easier — usu. used in *pl.* (provide books and other facilities for study) b: something (as a hospital) that is built, installed, or established to serve a particular purpose

facing \fa-'sɪŋ/ *n* (1566) 1: a: a lining at the edge esp. of a garment b *pl*: the collar, cuffs, and trimmings of a uniform coat 2: an ornamental or protective layer 3: material for facing

facsimile \fa-'sɪm-'lē-/ *n* [L. *fac simile*, make similar] (1691) 1: an exact copy 2: the transmission of graphic matter (as printing or still pictures) by wire or radio and its reproduction *syn* see **REPRODUCTION** — **facsimile** *vi*

fact \fakt/ *n* [L. *factum*, fr. neut. of *factus*, pp. of *facere*] (1539) 1: a thing done; as a: CRIME (accessory after the ~) b: OBS. FEAT c: *archaic*: ACTION 2: *archaic*: PERFORMANCE, DOING 3: the quality of being actual: ACTUALITY (a question of ~ hinges on evidence) 4: a: something that has actual existence (space travel is now a ~) b: an actual occurrence: EVENT (prove the ~ of damage) 5: a piece of information presented as having objective reality — **in fact**: in truth

fact finder *n* (1926): one that tries to determine the realities of a case; situation, or relationship; esp.: an impartial examiner designated by a government agency to appraise the facts underlying a particular matter (as a labor dispute) — **fact-finding** *n* or *adj*

facticity \fak-'tis-'tē-/ *n* [F or G: *Facticität*, fr. G. *faktizität*, fr. *factum* fact, fr. L. *factum*] (1945): the quality or state of being a fact

faction \fak-'shən/ *n* [MF & L: MF, fr. L. *factio*, *factio* act of making, faction — more at **FASHION**] (1509) 1: a party or group (as within a government) that is often contentious or self-seeking: CLIQUE 2: party spirit esp. when marked by dissension — **factional** \-shən-'l-/ *adj* — **factionalism** \-shən-'l-iz-əm/ *n* — **factionally** \-l-ē/ *adv*

faction \fak-'shən/ *n* *comb* form [ME. *factioun*; fr. MF & L: MF *factio*, fr. L. *factio*, *factio* (as in *satisfaction*, *satisfactio* satisfaction): making — **FICATION** (petrifaction)]

factious \fak-'shəs/ *adj* [MF or L: MF *factieux*, fr. L. *factiosus*, fr. *factio*] (1532): of or relating to faction: as a: caused by faction (~ disputes) b: inclined to faction or the formation of factions (~ sedition) — **factiously** *adv* — **factiousness** *n*

factitious \fak-'tish-'əs/ *adj* [L. *facticius*, fr. *factus*, pp. of *facere* to make, do — more at **DO**] (1646) 1: produced by man rather than by natural forces 2: a: formed by or adapted to an artificial or conventional standard b: produced by special effort: SHAM (created a ~ demand by spreading rumors of shortage) — **factitiously** *adv* — **factitiousness** *n*

factitive \fak-'tət-'iv/ *adj* [NL. *factitivus*, irreg. fr. L. *factus*] (1846): of, relating to, or being a transitive verb that in some constructions requires an objective complement as well as an object — **factitively** *adv*

factive \fak-'tīv/ *adj* *comb* form [MF *factif*, fr. *factio*]: making — causing (petrifactive)]

fact of life (1854) 1: something that exists and must be taken into consideration 2 *pl*: the fundamental physiological processes and behavior involved in sex and reproduction

factor \fak-'tər/ *n* [ME, fr. MF *facteur*, fr. L. *factor* doer; fr. *factus*] (15c) 1: one who acts or transacts business for another; as a: BROKER 1b b: one that lends money to producers and dealers (as on the security of accounts receivable) 2: a (1): one that actively contributes to the production of a result: INGREDIENT (cost wasn't a ~ in his purchase) (2): a substance that functions in or promotes the function

of a particular physiological process or bodily system b: a service used in the process of production 3: GENE 4: a: numbers or symbols in mathematics that when multiplied form a product; also: a number or symbol that divides another number or symbol b: a quantity by which a given quantity is multiplied or divided in order to indicate a difference in measurement created by a ~ of 10) *syn* see **ELEMENT** — **factor-ship** \-shɪp/ *n*

factor *vb* *factored*; *factoring* \-t(ə)-rɪŋ/ *vi* (1621): to work a ~ *vi* 1: to resolve into factors 2: to include or admit as a factor used with *into* (~ inflation into our calculations) — **factorial** \-t(ə)-rɪə-'bəl/ *adj*

factor-age \-t(ə)-rɪj/ *n* (1613) 1: the charges made by a factor services 2: the business of a factor

factor analysis *n* (1931): the analytical process of transforming cal data (as measurements) into linear combinations of independent variables — **factor analytic** *adj*

factor VIII \-ät/ *n* (1965): ANTIHEMOPHILIC FACTOR

factor group *n* (1897): QUOTIENT GROUP

factorial \fak-'tōr-ē-'əl, -tōr-/ *adj* (1837): of, relating to, or factor or a factorial

factorial *n* (1869) 1: the product of all the positive integers in ~ symbol *nl* 2: the quantity of arbitrarily defined as equal

factor in *vi* (1972): FIGURE IN

factorization \fak-'tə-'rə-'zā-'shən/ *n* (1886): the operation of a quantity into factors; also: a product obtained by factorization

factorize \fak-'tə-'rīz-/ *vi*

factory \fak-'t(ə)-rɪ-/ *n*, *pl* *-ries* (1582) 1: a station where factors trade 2: a: a building or set of buildings with manufacturing b: the seat of some kind of production (the ~ of the slums) — **factory-like** \-lɪk/ *adj*

factotum \fak-'tōt-əm/ *n* [NL, lit., do everything, fr. L. *facere* do + *totum* everything] (1566) 1: a person having diverse activities or responsibilities 2: a general servant

factual \fak-'chə-(wə)-, 'faksh-wə-/ *adj* (1834) 1: of or in facts 2: restricted to or based on fact — **factually** \-t(ə)-'l-ē-/ *adv* — **factually** \fak-'chə-(wə)-lē, 'faksh-wə-/ *adv* — **factually** \-t(ə)-'l-ē-/ *adv*

factu-al-ism \fak-'chə-(wə)-līz-əm, 'faksh-wə-/ *n* (1936): a dedication to facts — **factu-al-ist** \-lɪst-/ *n*

facture \fak-'chər-/ *n* [ME, fr. MF, fr. L. *factura* action of, making] (15c): the manner in which something (as an artifact) is made: EXECUTION

factula \fak-'yə-'lə-/ *n*, *pl* *-lae* \-lē, -lɪ/ [NL, fr. L. dim. of *torch*] (1706): any of the bright regions of the sun's photosphere most easily near the sun's edge

facultative \fak-'l(ə)-tāt-'iv/ *adj* (1820) 1: a: of or relating to permission, authority, or privilege (~ legislation) b: TIONAL 2: of or relating to a mental faculty 3: a: taking into consideration some conditions but not under others (~ diapause) b: an indicated, life-style under some environmental conditions under others (~ anaerobes) — **facultatively** *adv*

faculty \fak-'l(ə)-tē-/ *n*, *pl* *-ties* [ME *faculte*, fr. MF *faculté*, fr. ML *facultat*, *facultas* branch of learning or teaching, fr. *facilis* abundance; fr. *facilis* facile] (14c) 1: ABILITY, POWER; as a: acquired ability to act or do b: an inherent capability or function (the ~ of hearing) c: one of the powers of the mind merely held by psychologists to form a basis for the explanation of mental phenomena d: natural aptitude (he has a ~ for right things) 2: a: a branch of teaching or learning in an institution b: *archaic*: something in which one is trained or skilled 3: a: the members of a profession b: the teaching and administrative staff and those members of the administration having rank in an educational institution c *pl* *faculty*: a member of 4: power, authority, or prerogative given or conferred ~ **syndad** \fad-/ [orig. unknown] (1867): a practice or interest (had a time with exaggerated zeal: CRAZE *syn* see **FASHION**) — **fadish** \fad-'ɪʃ/ *adj* — **fadishness** *n* — **fadism** \fad-'iz-əm/ *n* — **fad-ist** \fad-'ɪst/ *n* — **fad-y** \-ē-/ *adj*

FAD \ef-'ə-'dē-/ *n* (1944): FLAVIN ADENINE DINUCLEOTIDE

fade \fad/ *vb* *faded*; *fading* [ME *faden*, fr. MF *fader*, fr. *fader* insipid, fr. (assumed) VL *fatidus*, alter. of L. *fatuus* fatuous] (14c) 1: to lose freshness or vitality: WITHER 2: to lose brilliancy of color 3: to sink away: VANISH 4: to change in loudness, strength, or visibility — used of a motion picture of an electronics signal and usu. with *in* or *out* 5: of an brake: to lose braking power gradually 6: to move back in line of scrimmage — used of a quarterback ~ *vi*: to cause to fade

fader *n* (1918) 1: a gradual changing of one picture to another motion picture or television sequence 2: a fading of an audio track

fade \fad/ *adj* [ME, fr. MF] (15c): INSIPID, COMMONPLACE

fade-away \fad-'ə-'wə-/ *n* (1909) 1: a: SCREWBALL 1 b: a which a base runner throws his body sideways to avoid the act or instance of fading away

fade-less \fad-'ləs/ *adj* (1652): not susceptible to fading

fade-out \fad-'aʊt/ *n* (1917): an act or instance of fading; gradual decrease in a motion picture or television image's brightness at the end of a sequence

fa-do \fāth-'Qū-/ *n*, *pl* *fados* [Pg. lit., fate, fr. L. *fatum*] (1917): plaintive Portuguese folk song

faecal, **faeces** *var* of **FECAL**, **FECES**

fa-e-na \fā-'a-(n)ə-/ *n* [Sp. lit., task, fr. obs. Catal. fr. L. *facienda*, be done; fr. *facere* to do — more at **DO**] (1927): a series of hints leading to the kill made by the matador in a bullfight

faerie *also*: **faery** \fā-'(ə)-rē-, 'fā-(ə)-rē-, 'fē-(ə)-rē-/ *n*, *pl* *faeries*, *faeries* [MF *faerie* — more at **FAIRY**] (1590) 1: FAIRYLAND 2: FAIRY *adj*

Faeroese \far-'ə-'wēz-, 'fē-, 'wēs/ *n*, *pl* *Faeroese* (1855) 1: of the Germanic people inhabiting the Faeroes 2: the language of the Faeroese people — **Faeroese** *adj*